

A comprehensive approach to sustain the world's forests

Forest Partnerships are a long-term political commitment **between** the European Union and **partner countries** to protect, restore and ensure the sustainable use of the world's forests. Forest Partnerships address the challenges related to deforestation, climate change and loss of biodiversity through a comprehensive, holistic and integrated approach, in support of inclusive national development.

Goals

- Protect, restore, and sustainably manage forests
- Develop forest-related value chains and create jobs
- Reduce deforestation
- Promote trade in legal and sustainable wood products

Do you want to know more?

European Commission, Directorate General for International Partnerships, Unit F2
– Environment, Natural Resources, Water.

The Forests for the Future Facility (F4) provides technical support to contribute to healthy forest ecosystems and forest-related value chains in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America.



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Investing in forests

Our greatest allies in climate action

Each **Forest Partnership** is specific to the partner country's priorities, and triggers long-term positive trends:

- Placing forests higher on the political agenda
- Contributing to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the Convention of Biological Diversity
- Enabling more private sector investment
- Long-term commitments for the forest sector



Forests in a nutshell.

- 1.6 billion**
People whose livelihoods depend on forests
- 31%**
Of the Earth's land surface
- 80%**
Terrestrial biodiversity
- 420 million hectares**
Forest loss since 1990
- EUR 1300 billion**
Global value of wood based value chains

SOURCE: FAOSTAT 2022
MarketResearch.com

More significant impacts from long-term commitments

The main actors of Forests Partnerships are **partner governments** and the **European Union** on an equal footing. The process of building tailor-made and effective partnerships will include partner countries' local communities and indigenous peoples, local governments, academic institutions, civil society and private sector actors. Forest Partnerships are transparent and accountable through reports on implementation and achievements.

Building Blocks



Forest
governance



Job creation
through forest
value chains



Trade in legal and
sustainable wood
products



Reduced
deforestation



Biodiversity
and conservation



Combatting
Climate Change